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INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

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SUBJECT: ATTACK ON USIC ZAGREB

1. CROATIAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DUTY OFFICER PHONED CONOFF AT 3:30 A.M. THIS MORNING TO INFORM HIM THAT A POLICE PATROL HAD APPREHENDED TWO MEN WHO WERE CAUGHT SMASHING DISPLAY WINDOWS OF USIC ZAGREB. SHORTLY AFTER CONSULATE OPENED THIS MORNING, CHIEF OF CROATIAN PROTOCOL TELEPHONED TO EXPRESS REGRETS, TO SAY THAT POLICE ACTION WAS BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT ANY RECURRENCE AND THAT A FULL REPORT WOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE CONSULATE.

2. CONOFF ARRIVED AT THE CONSULATE AT 4:00 A.M. TO INVESTIGATE DAMAGE. HE MET WITH TWO INVESTIGATORS FROM SUP (SLUZBENI UNUTRAS NJE POSLOVE) AND TWO UNIFORMED POLICE OFFICERS. TWO DISPLAY WINDOWS HAD BEEN SMASHED. (ONE LOCATED ON BRACE KAVURICA STREET AND ONE ON ZRINJEVAC SQUARE.) SWASTIKAS HAD ALSO BEEN PAINTED IN RED PAINT ON ONE WINDOW ON THE BRACE KAVURICA STREET. CONOFF CHECKED INTERIOR OF USIC AND CONSULATE GENERAL BUILDING AND FOUND NO ADDITIONAL DAMAGE OR EVIDENCE OF AN ATTEMPT TO

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FORCIBLY ENTER BUILDING.

3. SUP INVESTIGATORS TOLD CONOFF THEY HAD ALREADY NOTIFIED FIRE BRIGADE TO COME REMOVE PAINT. THEY STATED THAT THEY HAD TWO PERSONS IN CUSTODY AND WOULD INFORM THE CONSULATE GENERAL THROUGH THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL OF THE RESULTS OF THEIR INVESTIGATION. THEY ALSO SAID THAT THE POLICE WOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A CLOSE WATCH OF THE CONSULAR PREMISES. CONOFF THANKED INVESTIGATORS FOR THEIR EFFORTS. THERE ARE NOW UNIFORMED POLICE OFFICERS PATROLLING NEAR THE CONSULATE GENERAL.

4. WHEN CHIEF CROATIAN PROTOCOL MILUNOVIC TELEPHONED THE CONSULATE THIS MORNING TO EXPRESS HIS REGRETS OVER THE INCIDENT, HE INFORMED CONOFF THAT ONE OF THE TWO INDIVIDUALS APPREHENDED BY THE POLICE IS AN ARCHEOLOGICAL STUDENT AND THE OTHER IS EMPLOYED BY A LOCAL COMPANY. HE ASSURED US THAT THE CROATIAN GOVERNMENT DEPLORED THE INCIDENT AND WOULD TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT ANY RECURRENCE. HE STATED THAT THE CROATIAN GOVERNMENT WANTED "THE CONSULATE TO WORK IN A PEACEFUL AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE." CONOFF SAID THAT, WHILE WE REGRETTED THIS ACT OF VIOLENCE, WE APPRECIATE THE PROMPT ACTION TAKEN BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND SAID WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING A COMPLETE REPORT.
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